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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of: Matthew L. Bisque et al.

Serial Number: 10/041,971

Art Unit: 2179

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Examiner: Mylinh T. Tran

For: SYSTEM FOR OPERATING AN ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY OVER A  
NETWORK

**AMENDMENT UNDER C.F.R. 1.111**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to an Office Action Summary dated July 28, 2006, please see the following cancelled claims and remarks offered to place the subject patent application in condition for allowance.

**STATUS OF THE APPLICATION**

Claims 1-30 are pending in the application.

Claims 10-30 are allowed.

Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious based on a  
Published Patent Application US 2002/0173877 to Zweig.